

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 5, 2001

IN RE:

**PETITION OF MCI WORLD COM
TO ENFORCE INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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**DOCKET NO.
01-00513**

ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER ON THE MERITS

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 21, 2001, for appointment of a Hearing Officer to render a decision on the merits of the Petition of MCI WorldCom to Enforce Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. During the Authority Conference, a majority of the Directors voted to appoint the General Counsel or his designee to act as Hearing Officer in this matter to make findings of fact and conclusions of law and to render an initial decision on the merits of the Petition. The Authority also issued a procedural schedule to the parties.¹

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter

¹ The procedural schedule was memorialized in the Notice of Procedural Schedule issued by the Executive Secretary and sent to the parties on August 21, 2001.

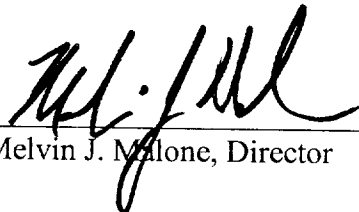
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Sara Kyle, Chairman

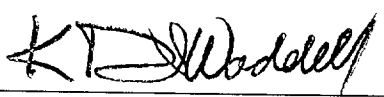


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director



Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

*** Chairman Kyle did not vote in favor of the prevailing motion.